

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for printing electronic files comprising:
 - means adapted for receiving an electronic file, wherein the electronic file is representative of a document;
 - means adapted for generating print setting information;
 - conversion means adapted for converting the electronic file to an image file;
 - means adapted for creating a print job by associating the image file with the print setting information;
 - means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to select the print job for output to at least one selected destination, the at least one selected destination including at least one of a printed copy of the document, an e-mail inclusive of the image file, and an electronic copy of the image file; and
 - means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to output the print job.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the print job comprises at least one command representative of the specified print setting information.
3. The system of claim 3, wherein the at least one command is in a printer job language format.
4. The system of claim 1 wherein the means adapted for creating a print job includes a printer driver.
5. The system of claim 1, further comprising storage means adapted for storing the print job.

6. The system of claim 1, further comprising:
means adapted for receiving at least one additional electronic file, wherein the at least one additional electronic file is representative of a document image;
means adapted for specifying at least one additional print setting information;
means adapted for creating at least one additional print job by associating the at least one additional electronic file with the specified print setting information;
means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to select the at least one additional print job; and
means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to output the at least one additional print job to a selected output destination.

7. A method for printing electronic files comprising:
receiving an electronic file, wherein the electronic file is representative of a document;
generating print setting information;
converting the electronic file to an image file;
creating a print job by associating the image file with the print setting information;
receiving data representative of a user request to select the print job for output to at least one selected destination, the at least one selected destination including at least one of a printed copy of the document, an e-mail inclusive of the image file, and an electronic copy of the image file; and
receiving data representative of a user request to output the print job.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the print job comprises at least one command representative of the specified print setting information.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the at least one command is in a printer job language format.

10. The method of claim 10, wherein the print job is created with a printer driver.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
receiving at least one additional electronic file, wherein the at least one additional electronic file is representative of a document image;
specifying at least one additional print setting information;
creating at least one additional print job by associating the at least one additional electronic file with the specified print setting information;
receiving data representative of a user request to select the at least one additional print job; and
receiving data representative of a user request to print the at least one additional print job.

12. A computer readable medium of instructions for printing electronic files comprising:
means adapted for receiving an electronic file, wherein the electronic file is representative of a document;
means adapted for generating print setting information;
conversion means adapted for converting the electronic file to an image file;
means adapted for creating a print job by associating the image file with the print setting information;
means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to select the print job for output to at least one selected destination, the at least one selected destination including at least one of a printed copy of the document, an e-mail inclusive of the image file, and an electronic copy of the image file; and
means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to output the print job.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein the print job comprises at least one command representative of the specified print setting information.
14. The system of claim 13, wherein the at least one command is in a printer job language format.
15. The system of claim 15 wherein the means adapted for creating a print job is a printer driver.
16. The system of claim 12 further comprising a storage means adapted for storing the print job.
17. The system of claim 12, further comprising:
means adapted for receiving at least one additional electronic file, wherein the at least one additional electronic file is representative of a document image;
means adapted for specifying at least one additional print setting information;
means adapted for creating at least one additional print job by associating the at least one additional electronic file with the specified print setting information;
means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to select the at least one additional print job; and
means adapted for receiving data representative of a user request to print the at least one additional print job.
18. A computer-implemented method for printing electronic files comprising:
receiving an electronic file, wherein the electronic file is representative of a document;
generating print setting information;
converting the electronic file to an image file;
creating a print job by associating the image file with the print setting information;

receiving data representative of a user request to select the print job for output to at least one selected destination, the at least one selected destination including at least one of a printed copy of the document, an e-mail inclusive of the image file, and an electronic copy of the image file; and

receiving data representative of a user request to output the print job.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the print job comprises at least one command representative of the specified print setting information.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the at least one command is in a printer job language format.

21. The method of claim 18, wherein the print job is created via a printer driver.

22. The method of claim 18, further comprising:
receiving at least one additional electronic file, wherein the at least one additional electronic file is representative of a document image;
specifying at least one additional print setting information;
creating at least one additional print job by associating the at least one additional electronic file with the specified print setting information;
receiving data representative of a user request to select the at least one additional print job; and
receiving data representative of a user request to print the at least one additional print job.